THE OFFICIAL DOCTOR WHO CONVENTION SYDNEY 2022

Just like the past few years since COVID, the three day Official Doctor Who Convention, taking place in Sydney, was live streamed on the Official Doctor Who YouTube channel for increased fan accessibility. The first day kicked off with a grand opening titled "Australia Welcomes The Doctor" at 9:00. While fans from across the globe gathered at the International Convention Centre to celebrate the programme, this specifically focused on Australia's love and history with Doctor Who.

At 10:00, Jane Espenson, the departing Executive Supervisor of Television for Doctor Who, took the stage. This panel was mainly just reminiscing about her time on the show, but she did hint that they will know the identity of her successor very soon and that "he's a very good friend".

A more nostalgic panel took place at 11:00 with "The Three Doctors" panel, featuring Peter Davison, Colin Baker, and Sylvester McCoy. The trio engaged the audience with anecdotes from their time in the TARDIS, creating a nostalgic atmosphere for long-time fans.

The highlight of the day came at 13:00 during the "Paramount+ Showcase with Mal Young." The Franchise Executive, Mal Young, took the stage to shed a light on the future of the franchise. After getting the audience hyped up, Young began the announcement everyone had been waiting for: Ronald D. Moore was revealed as the new Executive Supervisor of Television. He said that it had been a privilege to work with Moore recently and understood that he'd be an important figure to have guiding, from a reasonable distance, the production of Doctor Who's television franchise. Moore then appeared on stage and sat down with Young and took some questions. Additionally, a new TV series titled "The World of Doctor Who" was unveiled, starring Fifteenth Doctor actor, Adjoa Andoh. Not much was described about the series, apart from a poster that was released and the promise that it would tie deeply into the Doctor Who 60 celebrations.

The convention continued with a look at the "Foreign Adaptations" at 15:00, featuring Mal Young and Jamie Blanch.

At 16:00, Samantha Bond, Montserrat Lombard, and Phil Ford took centre stage for the "Doctor Who: Adventures" panel, discussing the programme and the upcoming season.

"The Davison Years" at 17:00, saw Peter Davison, Janet Fielding, and Sarah Sutton reminiscing about their time on the show. Finally, the evening concluded with an intriguing panel at 18:00, where Ronald D. Moore delved into the making of "The Daleks' Master Plan," joined by Ira Steven Behr and Ace Bhatti.

The following day at 9:00, Samantha Bond took the stage, where she took questions from fans about her time as the Fourteenth Doctor and about Doctor Who: Adventures.

The day continued with the "Griffiths' Girls" panel at 10:00, featuring Lisa Bowerman and Julia Sawalha. They shared anecdotes and behind-the-scenes stories from their time on the show, providing insights into the dynamics of being a companion to the Eighth Doctor.

At 11:00, fans were treated to a nostalgic journey with "Looking Back at Panopticon," a panel looking at the acclaimed spinoff series, led by Ronald D. Moore and Ira Steven Behr.

The excitement, however, reached a peak at 13:00 during the "Doctor Who: The New Renegade" panel. Anthony Head, Mike Flanagan, Jane Espenson and Mal Young took the stage to share insights into the acclaimed Paramount+ series. The big reveal of the day was the announcement of the third season, titled